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TRINIDAD MUNOZ JR., ET AL.

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AND METHODS OF USING THESE  
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§ Group Art Unit: 3676  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following documents to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

- Amendment and Response to the Office Action, mailed August 18, 2005;
- and
- Return receipt postcard.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of these materials.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*), Order Number 063718.0183, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

The practitioner, named below, is authorized to file correspondence in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO  
 OFFICE ACTION, MAILED August 18, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2005, Applicants submit this timely response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.